



**Study Committee Regarding the  
Creation of a Youth & Young  
Adult Advisory Board,  
Commission, Committee, or  
Council**

**Minutes**

Wednesday, January 12, 2021

7:45 PM – 8:45 PM

Conducted by Remote Participation

**Attendees:**

Josephine Almond (Arlington Student, Moderator Designee, Co-Chair)  
Lenard Diggins (Select Board Designee, Secretary)  
Alexander Franzosa (Envision Arlington Designee, Co-Chair)  
Jillian Harvey (Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Director)  
Lori Pescatore (Board of Youth Services Designee)  
Emma Phillips (Arlington Student, Moderator Designee)  
Stephen J. Quinlan (Library Board of Trustee Designee)  
Mia.Vakoc (Arlington Student, Moderator Designee)

The meeting started at 7:45. We began with everyone introducing themselves.

Next, chairs were nominated, with Em nominating Jo and Len nominating Alexander. Chairs were selected via roll call vote. Jo and Alexander were voted as co-chairs after a discussion on the merits of vice-chairs versus co-chairs. Then Len was nominated and voted in as secretary, but with Jo writing the minutes for the meetings.

After the vote, we discussed the ways our group might end up, in terms of what sort of entity in the Arlington government we might officially act as. (If we do approve a young adult committee of some sort.) The Envision Arlington group was proposed as a possible model for us to consider in terms of their structure; that would mean we are a standing committee that includes many task groups. Discussion ensued on the laws that bind standing committees, especially having to follow open meeting laws. There was clarification on the function of working groups. There was also a discussion about working with the school committee as the youth committee and including Arlington Catholic and Minuteman students in discussion; also how to get those students to be possibly voting members of the committee.

We discussed the larger timeline of creating a report to Town Meeting with our proposal and talked about the steps to hypothetically extending our time. We also talked about the

technicalities of actually writing our proposals. Alexander said he would ask if we needed an article for our proposal.

We ended by talking about age limitations on our group. We considered having the group be a mix of youth and adults, having adult liaisons, or having adults we consult but are not voting members.

We adjourned a few minutes after 9:15